

## M'NAMARA DEPUTY PREPARING TO QUIT

Vance Held Top Contender  
to Fill Gilpatric's Post

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 3—Dep-

uty Defense Secretary Roswell L. Gilpatric, who had planned to return to private business last spring, is now scheduled to leave the Pentagon around Christmas.

Mr. Gilpatric, a lawyer, stayed at his post because of the TFX airplane controversy, in which he has been a leading figure.

He participated in awarding the contract for the TFX (tactical fighter, experimental) to the General Dynamics Corporation despite the recommendations of military leaders who favored the Boeing Company.

Mr. Gilpatric has been awaiting a call to testify before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, whose hearings on the contract have been suspended while the panel is hearing testimony on syndicated crime.

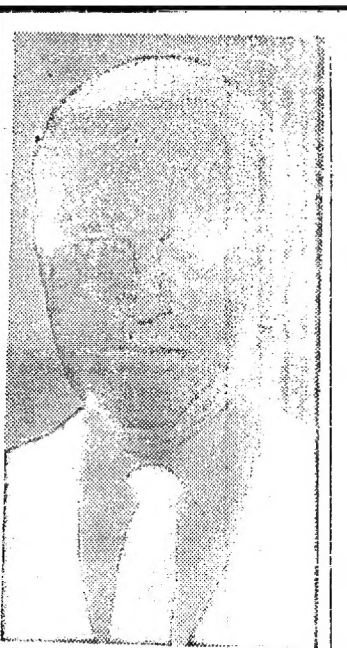
### Nitze's Chances Decline

One consequence of Mr. Gilpatric's delayed departure, according to an authoritative source, is that Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul H. Nitze is no longer the leading contender for the post of Deputy Defense Secretary.

The No. 2 man in the defense Department is a deputy in practice as well as by title while the No. 2 man in other departments of Cabinet rank is known as under secretary. The unusual authority of the Deputy Defense Secretary permits him to make important decisions even when the Secretary is not absent.

Mr. Nitze, who is head of the Pentagon's International Security Affairs Division, was considered last spring as the certain successor to Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, and he was expected to be named Deputy Secretary first.

It appears, however, that Secretary of the Army Cyrus R. Vance is now the leading contender for Deputy Secretary. The decision by President Kennedy, on recommendation of the Secretary, is expected to be made shortly.



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**DELAYS RESIGNATION:**  
Roswell L. Gilpatric, the  
Deputy Defense Secretary

### Ailes to Give Up Post

Another major departure from the Pentagon is expected. Stephen Ailes, Under Secretary of the Army, is understood to have set a date to end his present assignment. Like Mr. Gilpatric, he is a lawyer.

No successor has yet been named for Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Joseph S. Imirie, who left the Pentagon Monday.

Mr. Imirie, who was in charge of Air Force materiel, has taken a position with Litton Industries Inc., in California.

### Few Major Changes

Until now, the civilian high command of the Defense Department has been spared many important changes since the Kennedy Administration took over in 1961.

Secretary McNamara, for example, has already served longer than any Secretary of Defense with the exception of the late Charles E. Wilson in the Eisenhower Administration. Mr. McNamara has completed 32 months in office, compared with Mr. Wilson's 56. Except for Neil H. McElroy, who served 26 months, none of the six other men to hold the job since it was created in 1947 has served longer than 18 months.

Mr. Gilpatric, who joined the Administration with Secretary McNamara in January, 1961, has already stayed in his post longer than any other Deputy Defense Secretary.

Mr. Gilpatric is expected to become a senior partner in the law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City.

Mr. Ailes, a partner in the Washington law firm of Steptoe & Johnson, was named Under Secretary of the Army in February, 1962.

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